

Associate Dean Message

I hope this newsletter reaches you as you begin a prosperous New Year! As we enter 2012, the Office of Graduate Admissions has two pieces of exciting news to share with you.

First, Niagara University and Alfred State College signed an agreement in November that grants Alfred State business graduates admission into Niagara's one-year MBA program. After five years of college study, this agreement will allow the graduate to earn both an undergraduate degree from Alfred State College and an MBA from Niagara University. For more information, please contact me at the phone number listed below.

Secondly, we are hosting our annual Graduate School Open House on Saturday, March 17 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Is your New Year's resolution to go back and get your graduate degree? If so, this is the perfect opportunity to get to know our programs and faculty. You can learn more about our open house by visiting our website, www.niagara.edu/graduate. More details about this annual event can be found on page four.

If you can't attend the open house but want to learn more about our graduate programs or want a tour of NU's scenic campus, please feel free to call me at 716.286.8769 or 800.462.2111. I am more than happy to help you ... it's the Niagara way!

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Visit Our Website!



Carlos Tejada speaks to prospective graduate students at last year's open house.

Congrats!

Dr. Bogner Receives Award

Niagara University is proud to announce that Dr. Roselind Gullo Bogner, associate professor of school counseling, received the Career Achievement Award from the New York State School Counselor Association.

The Career Achievement Award recognizes the school counselor or counselor educator whose contributions to his or her students, place of employment, colleagues and community have been substantial and ongoing. In addition, the recipient exhibits a commitment to professional school counseling and has a record of service to the profession.

Dr. Bogner joined the College of Education at Niagara University in 2003 after serving as a school counselor in the Lake Shore Central School District for over 20 years. At Niagara University, Dr. Bogner has been directly involved in teaching and supervising clinical practice in the master's degree and advanced certification programs in school counseling. She established a partnership with the National Transforming Schools initiative of the Education Trust that focused on expanding the role of school counselors to enhance the academic performance and achievement of students.

Dr. Bogner's commitment to serving the needs of the community continues to shape her work with graduate candidates in school and mental health counseling. As noted by one of her students, "Throughout my education, there have been numerous individuals who have left tracks on my career path, though none have been as influential as Dr. Bogner."



Dr. Roselind Gullo Bogner

Education

Students Present at National Conference

Every two years, Kappa Delta Pi, a prestigious international honor society for educators, hosts its Biannual Convocation, where students, teachers and professionals meet to discuss and celebrate all fields of education. This year's conference was held in Indianapolis, Ind., and was unique among others as it marked the centennial year of the founding of Kappa Delta Pi.

Niagara University's College of Education hosts the Alpha Alpha Beta chapter of Kappa Delta Pi and is heavily involved in various activities and conferences. NU's chapter was represented at this year's conference by three of the College of Education's finest students, Ryan Coram, president of the chapter, Chelsea Riedl, vice president, and Michael Montanaro, secretary. While at the conference, the graduate students presented their research on multiculturalism and constructivist practice as a way to prepare students for a globalized world. The students found the conference experience to be extremely beneficial and inspiring and left the conference feeling more confident, full of passion for education and ready to make a difference in their respective fields.



L to R: Chelsea Riedl, Michael Montanaro and Ryan Coram

MBA

Niagara University Hosts Healthcare Symposium

The first wintry day of 2012 in Western New York didn't stop more than 120 individuals, representing 30 local organizations, from attending the sold out healthcare symposium at Niagara University. "Exploring the Elements of the High Performing Health System: The Next Generation of Healthcare Service Delivery". This was an opportunity for attendees to find out how organizations, like Catholic Health, are successfully navigating new regulations in healthcare reform.

The event was co-sponsored by Niagara University and Catholic Health, and endorsed by the Healthcare Executive Forum of WNY, the conference enlisted executives from Catholic Health to discuss how the nonprofit is leading the evolution of healthcare. Speakers also touched upon the new, Medicare/Medicaid-endorsed models of healthcare delivery that were piloted by the Centers for Medicare Services and are now being developed by Catholic Health.

The Rev. Joseph L. Levesque, C.M., president of Niagara University, welcomed participants, He also explained the close relationship between Niagara and Catholic Health, one that is grounded in a congruence of mission that embraces the spirit of St. Vincent de Paul.

Joe McDonald, president and CEO of Catholic Health and chair of the Board of Trustees of the Healthcare Association of New York State, echoed Father Levesque's statements, and also provided a brief overview on the development of Catholic Health and the organizations that comprise its system of care.

The conference's presenters included Michael Edbauer, D.O., Catholic Medical Partners' chief medical officer and vice president of medical affairs for home care and primary care at Catholic Health. James A. Dunlop Jr., Catholic Health CFO and executive vice president of finance, and Michael Moley, Catholic Health's senior vice president of human resources.

The relationship between Niagara University and Catholic Health began in 2009 when NU's College of Business Administration and Catholic Health collaborated to form an initiative that prepares professionals for leadership positions in the healthcare industry. The partnership allows students in NU's healthcare administration concentration to obtain real-world experience through field placements and mentorship opportunities within Catholic Health.

Upcoming Events

Center Ice

Head to Dwyer Arena and **check** out the Niagara women's hockey team this year! **Break away** from your daily routine and experience Division I hockey at its best. The Lady Purple Eagles will **face off** against conference opponents and dazzle you with forechecking, deking and hat tricks! For ticket information, contact the NU ticket office at **716.286.8499** or **tickets@purpleeagles.com**. Don't be left out in the cold!

Listed below are a few of the home games for the women's 2012 season:

- Jan. 27 vs. Robert Morris
- Feb. 3 vs. Mercyhurst
- Feb. 12 vs. Robert Morris
- Feb. 24 and 25 vs. Syracuse

*Dates and times are subject to change.

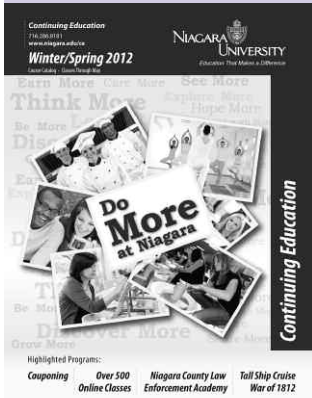
For an extended schedule, visit **www.PurpleEagles.com**



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Did You Know?

Continuing Education



Our Winter/Spring catalog is out! Do more this winter/spring by enrolling in one or more of our exciting classes. Choose from arts and crafts, business and computers, health and wellness, emergency management, learning and leisure, or from our extensive line of online courses. There is something for everyone! For more information, please contact us at **716.286.8181** or www.niagara.edu/ce.



*Jay Stockslader
Director of
Continuing Education*

Fair Warning

TEACHER RECRUITMENT DAYS

March 29 and 30 – All day
Location: Buffalo Convention Center

You can interview with representatives of school districts from across the United States. For complete registration information, visit www.trd.org. The registration deadlines and instructions are on the website.

Prospective teaching candidate being interviewed by NYS school administrator.



Seeking Teachers

Interdisciplinary Studies

Find Your Passion

Stephanie Kilsdonk knew she wanted to make a difference in the world, but didn't quite know how. Niagara University's M.A.-Interdisciplinary Studies program helped her to discover her calling in life. As part of her capstone research project, Stephanie traveled to the African nation of Kenya and worked closely with Fanya Mambo, a non-governmental organization that educates school children about recycling plastic bottles and bags, which it then uses to build walls, benches and tables in the local community. Stephanie's course work in grant writing, fund-raising, and business management enabled her to improve Fanya Mambo's organizational structure, budgeting and fund-raising. A January 2012 graduate, she plans to continue working with international nonprofits that combine her passion for environmental activism and economic development.

For additional information on how to self-design a 33-credit hour master's degree that fulfills your passion in life, go to www.niagara.edu/interdisciplinary/index.htm.



Kenyan children and the schoolyard wall they built with recycled materials.

Library Tip

24 Hour Research

NU's library provides you with remote Web access to most research databases. Most do not require a password if you are connecting from anywhere on campus. If you are connecting from off campus, you may log in using your NU username and password.

“Don't bother just to be better than your contemporaries or predecessors. Try to be better than yourself.”

— William Faulkner

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Graduate School Open House

Register Today!

Saturday, March 17, 2012
9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Glynn Atrium in Bisgrove Hall

Join us for an informational morning! Here is your opportunity to learn more about Niagara University's graduate programs and campus life. Come and meet faculty and discuss the advantages of an NU master's degree. You will also have an opportunity to speak to representatives from a variety of campus offices (financial aid, career development, etc.). Campus tours will be available.

Please call **716.286.8700** or **800.462.2111** to reserve your spot today. Or, if you prefer to register online, visit www.niagara.edu/march. Don't miss out on this great event!



Niagara's Graduate Programs

- Ph.D. in Leadership and Policy
- Elementary Education
- Secondary Education
- Literacy
- Special Education
- Math, Science and Technology
- Early Childhood and Special Education
- Teacher's College
- Educational Leadership (on-line or on campus)
- School Counseling
- School Psychology
- Mental Health Counseling
- Business Administration (MBA)
- Criminal Justice Administration
- Interdisciplinary Studies

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